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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF SECOND REPEAT SECOND DRAFT OF DIRECTOR  
GENERAL'S LETTER (ON ARAB-ISRAELI ISSUE) TO PRESIDENT OF ILC,  
WHICH REFTEL STATED IN PARA TWO WOULD BE POUCHED.

2. GEGIN TEXT:

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT,

AS IN PAST YEARS, PART II OF MY REPORT TO THE CONFERENCE IS  
DEVOTED TO THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ILO DURING THE PRECEDING YEAR.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE CONFERENCE AND  
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THE GOVERNING BODY IN 1962, THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL'S REPORT TO  
THE CONFERENCE ALSO INCLUDES A REVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION OF  
RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE CONFERENCE OVER THE PREVIOUS FIVE  
YEARS. THE SECOND CHAPTER OF PART II OF MY REPORT PROVIDES  
THIS INFORMATION.

TO FACILITATE THE WORK OF THE CONFERENCE, I BELIEVE IT

WOULD BE USEFUL FOR ME TO PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING CLARIFICATIONS  
COMPLEMENTARY TO MY REPORT:

FIRST, I CONFIRM THAT I WILL AGAIN SUBMIT, BOTH IN 1978  
AND IN 1979, IN ACCORDANCE WITH MY OBLIGATION, A REPORT ON  
THE STEPS TAKEN TO GIVE EFFECT TO ALL RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED IN  
THE PRECEDING FIVE YEARS AND I WILL REPORT ON THE STEPS TAKEN  
TO GIVE EFFECT TO THE RESOLUTION ADOPTED IN 1974 CONCERNING  
"THE POLICY OF DISCRIMINATION, RACISM AND VIOLATION OF TRADE  
UNION FREEDOMS AND RIGHTS PRACTISED BY THE ISRAELI AUTHORITIES  
IN PALESTINE AND IN THE OTHER OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES".

SECOND, PART II OF MY REPORT THIS YEAR REFERS TO MY  
RECOMMENDATION THAT THE GOVERNING BODY ACKNOWLEDGE THE  
INABILITY OF THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL TO PROCEED FURTHER IN THE  
MATTER WITHOUT RECOURSE TO EXISTING ILO PROCEDURES. THE  
GOVERNING BODY, IN MARCH 1977, ENDORSED THIS RECOMMENDATION,  
AND DECIDED THAT THE INFORMATION SUBMITTED BY THE DIRECTOR-  
GENERAL SHOULD COMPLETE HIS REPORT TO THE GOVERNING BODY.

THIRD, WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF ILO PROCEDURES CONCERNING  
THE APPLICATION OF INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS ON MATTERS  
PERTAINING TO WORK AND FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION, THE CONFERENCE  
NOW HAS BEFORE IT, THROUGH ITS COMMITTEE ON THE APPLICATION OF  
CONVENTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS, THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE  
OF EXPERTS (REPORT III, PART R(A)). THIS REPORT CONTAINS ON  
PAGE 230 OF THE ENGLISH TEXT, COMMENTS ON THE APPLICATION BY  
THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL OF CONVENTION 111 ON DISCRIMINATION,  
WHICH ISRAEL HAS RATIFIED.

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THE COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS HAS REQUESTED THE GOVERNMENT OF  
ISRAEL TO FURNISH SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION COVERING A WHOLE  
RANGE OF QUESTIONS RELATING TO CONDITIONS OF WORK. THESE  
QUESTIONS WERE ALSO RAISED IN PARAGRAPH 13 OF MY REPORT TO  
THE GOVERNING BODY IN MARCH 1976 ON THE CONDITION OF WORKERS  
IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL HAS  
NOW SENT A COMMUNICATION WHICH I WILL BRING TO THE ATTENTION  
OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE APPLICATION OF CONVENTIONS AND  
RECOMMENDATIONS.

FOURTH, WITHOUT WISHING IN ANY WAY TO PREJUDGE CONSIDERATION  
BY THE COMMITTEE ON THE APPLICATION OF CONVENTIONS AND  
RECOMMENDATIONS, I WILL, AS IS THE DUTY OF THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL,  
SCRUPULOUSLY ASSIST IN IMPLEMENTING ANY CONCLUSIONS WHICH THE  
CONFERENCE MIGHT ARRIVE AT RELATIVE TO THIS SUBJECT. I SHALL  
UTILISE FOR THIS PURPOSE ALL AVAILABLE ILO METHODS AND PROCEDURES,  
INCLUDING VISITS BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL, TO HELP ENSURE THAT THE  
CONDITION OF THE WORKERS CONCERNED - WHICH IS OUR PRIMARY CONCERN -

IS IN KEEPING WITH THE PRINCIPLES AND OBJECTIVES OF THE ILO.

I WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU COULD KINDLY BRING THE CONTENTS  
OF THIS LETTER TO THE ATTENTION OF THE CONFERENCE.

YOURS FAITHFULLY,

FRANCIS BLANCHARD  
SECRETARY-GENERAL

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